

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1-7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently amended) A sole comprising:
a bottom surface defining a stud base having a sidewall;
a receptacle disposed at least partially within the stud base, the receptacle including a flexible wall and a first locking member disposed on an internal surface of the flexible wall, a configuration of at least a portion of the stud base sidewall being directly defined by an outer surface of the receptacle during molding of the sole body; and
a stud including a ground-engaging portion and a fastening projection extending therefrom for insertion into the receptacle, the fastening projection having a generally oblong shape, the receptacle defining a first cavity for receiving the flexible wall when deflected by the fastening projection.
9. (Original) The sole of claim 8, wherein the fastening projection of the stud further comprises a second locking member disposed on an external surface thereof, wherein the fastening projection deflects the flexible wall when inserted into the receptacle such that the first locking member and the second locking member engage.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Previously presented) The sole of claim 9, wherein the first locking member comprises a protuberance and the second locking member comprises a mating recess for engaging the protuberance when the fastening projection is inserted into the receptacle.
12. (Currently amended) The sole of claim ~~8~~¹⁰, wherein the receptacle includes a second flexible wall and an additional first locking member disposed on an internal surface of the second

flexible wall and the fastening projection includes a corresponding additional second locking member disposed on the external surface of the fastening projection.

13. (Currently amended) The sole of claim 12, wherein the receptacle further defines ~~comprising~~ a second cavity formed adjacent the second flexible wall of the receptacle for receiving the second flexible wall when deflected by the fastening projection.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) The sole of claim 12, wherein the two second locking members are disposed on a first longitudinal side and a second longitudinal side of the fastening projection and the two first locking members are disposed on corresponding flexible walls.

16. (Original) The sole of claim 8, wherein the ground-engaging portion of the stud includes an engagement feature for facilitating removing the stud from the receptacle.

17. (Original) The sole of claim 8, wherein the sole is formed from a first material comprising a first stiffness and the receptacle is formed from a second material comprising a second stiffness.

18. (Original) The sole of claim 8, wherein the sole is injection molded around the receptacle.

19. (Previously presented) The sole of claim 8 wherein the receptacle forms an inseparable direct bond at least with the sidewall of the stud base.